



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

KING

Serial No. 09/539,459

Filed: March 30, 2000

For: METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR  
EFFICIENTLY RETRIEVING STATUS  
FOR SCSI ACCESSED FAULT-  
TOLERANT ENCLOSURE (SAF-TE)  
SYSTEMS

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

Attorney Docket No. A-66954/RMA

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Signed April Meng  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

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01 FC:103 234.00 0P  
02 FC:102 240.00 0P

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted for the above-referenced application.

Please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Unchanged) In a system of the type having a host processor and a subsystem coupled to said host processor, a method for communicating a change in said subsystem status or in a component in or coupled to said subsystem without polling by said host processor on a periodic basis, said method comprising:

establishing a communication link between said host processor and said subsystem;



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## TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-entitled application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

(1) Claims Remaining After <u>Amendment</u>	(2) Highest Previously Present <u>Minus Paid For</u>	(3) SMALL ENTITY OR <u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u>	(4) <u>RATE FEE</u>	<u>RATE FEE</u>
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		TOTAL \$ <u>_____</u>	OR TOTAL \$ <u>474.00</u>	

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- No additional fee is required.  
 Our Check No. 6540 in the amount of \$474.00 is enclosed.  
 Please charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-66954/RMA).

Respectfully submitted,

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